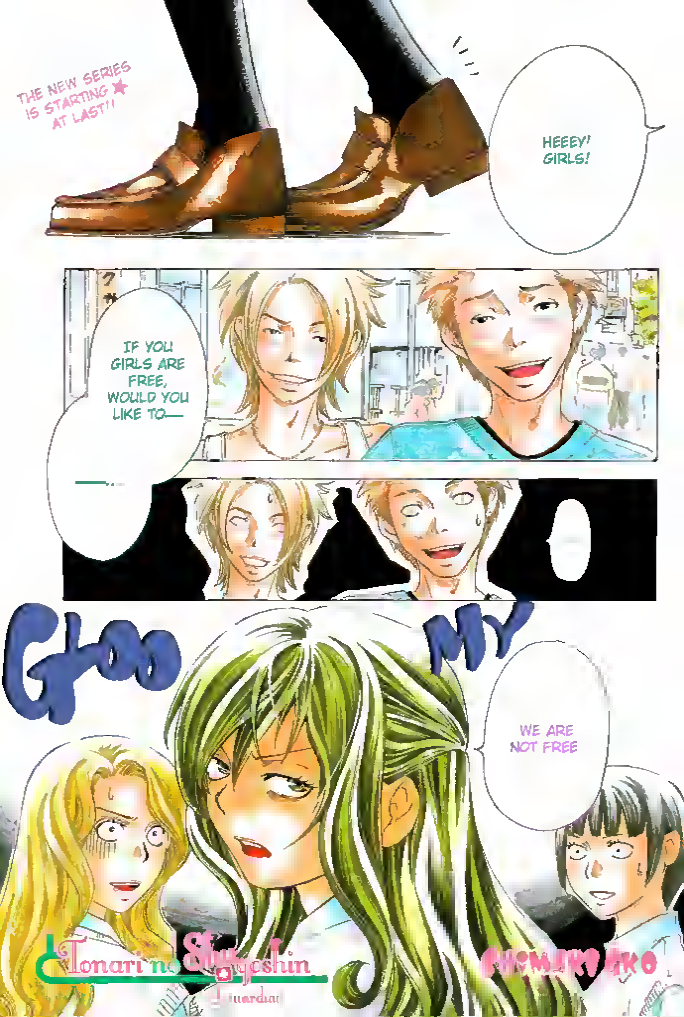
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IF YOU GIRLS ARE FREE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO—
GYOO
MY
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PLEASE PROTECT ME! J

FIO IS A GIRL WHO THINKS THAT IT'S USELESS TO RELY ON OTHERS.
BUT SUDDENLY, AN ADONIS APPEARS IN FRONT OF HER... W-WHO EXACTLY IS HE...!
SOMEWHERE IN MY HEART, I WAS SEEKING FOR SOMEONE
"THE PERSON FATED TO PROTECT ME"
... IS THAT PERSON YOU?!
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嶋木あこ

恋実着

I COULDN'T HELP IT SINCE I HAVEN'T HAD MUCH SLEEP LATELY.
WHAT DID YOU JUST DO?! YOUR GLOOMY FACE SCARED THEM AWAY, YOU KNOW.
Plus they looked decent
HUH? HOUSEWORK? THAT'S WHAT A PARENT SHOULD——...
AH!
I'M BUSY, OKAY.
WITH MY JOB AND HOUSE-WORK
Just leave me alone
settle down, girls
WELL, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ENOUGH SLEEP THEN! YOU WON'T BE VERY APPEAL-ING WHEN YOU LOOK SO WORN OUT!!
...and something about the black rings around your eyes!
SOR....
SO I DON'T ASK FOR MUCH.
WELL, I DON'T HAVE PARENTS...

IF I WERE TO GO OUT WITH SOMEONE, IT WOULD BE WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS GOOD PROSPECTS IT WOULD BE A BONUS IF HE IS ALSO WEALTHY SINCE I AM POOR.
That would be a dream come true
BUT I WON'T ASK FOR MUCH, SO...
If he has good prospects that's good enough for me
ALRIGHT, JUST GO HOME...?
so serious
HEY, WAS RIO LIKE THIS BEFORE?
To be honest I'd like someone who's good looking
But that would be wishing for too much
HOBBLE
HOBBLE
THAT'S BECAUSE HER PARENTS PASSED AWAY TWO YEARS AGO, RIGHT?
EVER SINCE THEN, SHE'S HAD TO DO EVERYTHING BY HERSELF. THAT'S WHY SHE'S STRESSED OUT.
DEEP INSIDE SHE IS A NICE AND BRIGHT GIRL, THOUGH.
LET'S SEE,
I'LL BUY SOME HORSERADISH THAT'S ON SPECIAL AND THEN GO HOME.
An old shop
$00 Yen each
WELCOME! COME LOOK AT WHAT'S ON SALE.

OJI-SAN* WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S A TRUMP CARD, A JACK OF CLUB.
¥ 500-
*<T/N A term used to address older men who the speaker doesn't know well>
IT'S QUITE OLD. THE OTHER CARDS WERE DESTROYED IN A FIRE AND ONLY THAT ONE IS LEFT.
WORD HAS IT THAT IN THE MIDDLE AGES, A WITCH USED IT TO CAST MAGIC
HMM
Sounds shady
OJOU-CHAN* DO YOU KNOW THAT..
*<T/N Ojou-chan means young lady, the man is using it to show respect to Rio as she is a potential customer>
HMM
Well, there's no such thing as magic but
JACK OF CLUB IS MODELED AFTER LANCELOT, WHO WAS A VALIANT KNIGHT

CLOCK
I wonder if I could get a good price for this if I auction it off on the internet
CLOCK
CLACK
Tenshi Tachi

That's 500 yen!
...Ah
Thank you for your purchase!!
SMILED
NOW IT'S A WAR

I wonder if I'm frustrated
You can't return it
What was that just now? A hallucination?
HUH?
DID I BUY THIS?

This is not good
WELCOME HOME
I have to get a hold of myself
I'M HOME——

*<TN: Older sister>
Even though our parents aren't around anymore, I won't let it affect our lives
WELL THEN, SHALL WE HAVE DINNER?
YEP!
.....
SORRY. WERE YOU A GOOD BOY WHILE I WAS GONE?
Clap
ONEE-CHAN*, YOU ARE REALLY LATE, HUH?
But
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK
It's not like someone is going to help us
I'll just have to do my
Do it properly
Math

TRUMP CARD, HUH?
I WONDER WHY I BOUGHT THIS..
I wonder if I'll be okay if things remain like this
MY SKIN IS SO DRY.
What's up with me? I'm awfully tired tonight
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER, I WON'T GET MUCH FOR IT IN THE INTERNET AUCTION
This is strange
Most of the time I have a hard time sleeping because I'm so stressed
OH NO...
I STILL HAVE HOME-WORK...
I'm so tired.....

GETS UP
OH NO!
DID I FALL I ASLEEP? I'D BETTER DO MY HOMEWORK
MM...
THE LIGHT SWITCH... THE LIGHT SWITCH...
——WHY IS IT SO DARK?!
What is this?
It feels warm
GROPES
GROPES
GROPES
...NOT THE WALL.
FEELS
BUMP
AH! IS THIS THE WALL...?

Tenshi Tachi

Ahhh
I get it,
this is a
dream
THAT IS A
STRANGE
NAME
A person like
him doesn't
really exist,
right?
RIO,
IF YOU
DON'T
MIND...
Isn't
Lancelot
the name of
the card's
model?
UM...
IT'S RIO.
WHAT IS
YOUR NAME?
MY NAME IS
LANCELOT.
He's the
person from my
hallucination.?
Tenshi Tachi

...COULD YOU GET YOUR HAND AWAY FROM THERE?
SHOCKED
I-I-I'M SOOO SORRY! IT SEEMS THAT BECAUSE I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SLEEP AT ALL LATELY, I'M NOW DREAMING ABOUT STRANGE THINGS LIKE THIS...
Let's Go
AH, I SEE... THIS IS A DREAM, EH?
WELL THEN, IT SEEMS LIKE WE ARE IN THE SAME BOAT
BECAUSE I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SLEEP EITHER

HUH? UMM..
COME HERE
SORRY BUT IT SEEMS THAT I CAN ONLY OFFER YOU THIS AS A PILLOW
Shocked
YOU CAN SLEEP HERE IF YOU LIKE
Sleep on his lap?!

ERRR UMM...
IT'S FINE, REALLY
WHY?
Am I that frustrated that I'm even imagining a guy like this for myself
This is not good
WELL..
But
I WON'T BITE, SO...
COME
Drops down

Well since it's a dream, I suppose this is fine
OHH... YOUR LAP IS SO WARM
mumble
ER
AN
E-CHAN

Gets up
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT?! WHAT?! IS THERE A FIRE?! A KIDNAPPER?! A ROBBER?! WHERE IS MY LAP PILLOW?!
ONEE-CHAN!!
Underwear
WELL, YOU FELL ASLEEP ON THE LAUNDRY. and used the underwear as a pillow
IT'S ALREADY MORNING, YOU KNOW.
SURPRISED
MORNING?
IT SEEMS THAT I HAD SOME GOOD SLEEP. .
WAIT!
IT'S ALREADY THE AFTERNOON?!
SHOCKED

THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
ARGH! HURRY UP!!
NOT YET
HAVE YOU GOTTEN READY FOR SCHOOL YET?!
Yeppp
DID YOU BRUSH YOUR TEETH? YOU'VE DONE YOUR HOMEWORK, RIGHT? APOLOGIZE TO THE TEACHER, OKAY?
I wonder if
This trump has anything to do with
That dream I had
Nah... it couldn't have, right?
Ding Dong Dang
WHAT HAPPENED?
Letter from the mangaka
FUN-MART AND ITEMS

PINCH
Stoppit
MOREOVER, YOU LOOK TOTALLY REFRESHED
IT'S RARE FOR YOU TO BE TARDY
Hmph
I HAD A REALLY NICE DREAM
OH YEAH? TELL US.
I'M SORRY, BUT I FORGO—
MATSUKI-KUN, WHERE'S YOUR HOMEWORK?
Kekeke
I'm not going to tell you
Kekeke
That dream was just a coincidence
WHAT'S WITH YOUR HANDS?
It's not like I'll have that dream again, right?
Whack

——That's what I thought, but...

YOU GOT HIT BY A MALE TEACHER?

WELL, I SAID "HIT", BUT IT WAS ONLY LIGHT

He was too quick to punish though...

BUT A MAN SHOULDN'T HIT A WOMAN OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT

MEN ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT WOMEN

IF I EVER GET TO MEET THIS GUY I'LL CUT HIM TO PIECES

Draws out

It looks so real

GLEAMS

HAHAHA PLEASE DO IF THAT HAPPENS

OKAY, I ACCEPT

AH! BUT

Is it really possible for a dream to be this good?

NOT ONLY ARE YOU DOZING OFF BUT YOU ARE ALSO TALKING IN YOUR SLEEP! AND TO SAY SUCH INSOLENT THING!!
How dare you!
SLITHER
HUH? DID I SAY SOMETHING?

This might really be

Because of that trump card

AIM FOR HIS HEAD, OKAY?

Be quiet!!
YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME SAY SOMETHING ABOUT A WIG, DID YOU...?
.....
DID SHE GO?
....
IS SHE REALLY A GIRL FROM MY DREAM?

Tenshi Tohi
He didn't have to lecture me that much!
Now I'm going to be late for work!
Squeeze
It felt so real.
Hm?
Appears
Arghh! Gosh!
BUMP
Wahh!
Notebook

SORRY YUUKI-KUN.
—— NO WORRIES
I HAVE TO HURRY!
I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND
Ah
I-IT'S OKAY
I SAID IT'S OKAY
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
IT'S THE LEAST I CAN.
I-
I'M TELLING YOU NOT TO TOUCH THAT!!
AH...

I THOUGHT THAT YOU'VE CHANGED LATELY. BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE STILL COLD-HEARTED.
He was just being nice, yet I...
SORRY
IT'S OKAY IT LOOKS LIKE I STEPPED OVER THE LINE...
I...
Am I...
Want to go together?
Yep
Are you going home now?
A cold-hearted girl..?

So that's what other people think of me, huh..?
WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU SPACING OUT LIKE THAT?
IT'S NOTHING.
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE NOTHING, THOUGH
Oh!!
What am I doing..
NOTHING, BUT...
IT REALLY IS...
RIO?
IT'S... NOTHING

getting counseling in a dream
SOMEONE AT SCHOOL TOLD ME THAT I'M COLD-HEARTED.
IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S NOT WORKING OUT SO WELL
LAUGH
AFTER MY PARENTS DIED IN A CAR CRASH, WE WERE MOVED AROUND FROM ONE RELATIVE'S PLACE TO ANOTHER'S,
AT THE END IT LOOKED LIKE MY BROTHER AND I WERE GOING TO BE PUT IN AN ORPHANAGE
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH MONEY BUT
IT'S NOTHING BIG, REALLY...
EVER SINCE THEN, WE BOTH SOMEHOW WORKED HARD AND LIVED ON BUT..
THAT'S A SHAME.

EVEN IF YOU LAUGH IT OFF, IT DOESN'T MAKE IT ANY LESS PAINFUL
LANCELOT
HURTS! WHAT ARE YOU THINK-ING?!
THIS...
IT
W-WAIT
IT WILL ONLY HURT A LITTLE, SO PLEASE PUT UP WITH IT.
GIVE ME YOUR HAND
Gleams
UMM...

THAT MAY BE THE CASE...
BUT...
WHENEVER YOU ARE IN DANGER I'LL COME TO YOUR AID
...WILL GET RID OF ALL YOUR PAIN
This is a dream, okay?
W-
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
THAT ISN'T POSSIBLE, YOU KNOW
EVEN IF THIS IS A DREAM, THIS VOW IS UNBREAKABLE

Even though this is a dream
WE ARE BOUND BY BLOOD
Even though this is just a dream, it feels so warm
THIS IS MY VOW TO YOU
WE ARE...
WITH THIS..
I wonder why...
DROPS

...NOW BOUND TOGETHER.
I can't hold back my tears
I wonder why
Even if he is only from a dream

AH? WHAT IS IT?
WELL...
I'M REALLY SORRY I WAS SO RUDE THE OTHER DAY
IT'S UNUSUAL FOR YOU TO APOLOGIZE
YUUKI-KUN
I really wonder why

I'LL STOP BEING SO STANDOFFISH
As much as I can
THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO SAY.
TRUT
AH...
IT FEELS BETTER AFTER YOU CRY, HUH?
HMM?
THERE'S A CUT AT EXACTLY SAME SPOT AS THE ONE I GOT FROM THE DREAM
I SOMEHOW FEEL QUITE GOOD.

Blush
It made me remember it all
MATSUKI!
....
But...
WELL...I MUST HAVE CUT MYSELF SOMEHOW. IT CAN'T POSSIBLY FROM MY DREAM...
I'M SORRY THAT I SAID THOSE HORRIBLE THINGS TO YOU!
WELL...
IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE?
WHAT'S UP?
Gasp
I...
REALLY...
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...
I NEVER HAD THE GUTS TO SAY THIS, BUT...!

I WONDER WHY SHE'S BEING SO NAIVE——
SHE SAID THEY'LL JUST START OFF AS FRIENDS FOR NOW.
WHAT?! ARE THOSE TWO GOING OUT?!
Stop it.
GO! GO FOR IT, YUUKI!
YEAH AND THE CURRY WAS REALLY DELICIOUS, RIGHT?
DO YOU WANT TO GO THERE NEXT TIME?
.....
—YEAH SURE...
ABOUT US...
flinches

SQUEEZE
... IS IT OKAY TO START GOING OUT NOW?
... UMM IT'S TOO EARLY FOR THAT...
Even though Yuuki-kun is a nice guy
Eh?!
W-W-WAIT!!
I-i-is he trying to kiss me?!
WHY? DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE?
L-LIKE...?
Someone I like...
I
That's right

That was just a dream
I'LL TREASURE YOU
If that s the case.
WHENEVER YOU IN DANGER I'LL COME TO YOUR AID..
THIS VOW IS UNBREAKABLE

I SAID I DON'T WANT TO!!
DON'T
EH?
Crackle
HM?
W-WHY?
I JUST DON'T WANT TO!!
Crackle
BUT I..
——I-
Crackle
DID YOU HEAR THAT CRACKING SOUND JUST NOW?
CRACK

What was that?
WHAT WAS THAT ....
BOOM
CKKKK!!
WHAT THE HELL——.
HUH
WH-

The picture
is gone
That's right! Something came out from the trump card just now——
YOU'RE BLEEDING
BLEED
How
DAMN IT—— WHAT WAS THAT!?
IT HURTS!
—Huh?

BE GONE!
WHENEVER YOU ARE IN DANGER...

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE NAME BEFORE?
MY NAME IS
BUT EVEN IF THIS IS A DREAM
...I'LL COME TO YOUR AID.
.....WHO ARE YOU...?

LANCELOT
. . THIS VOW IS UNBREAKABLE.

RIO
For real!?
I HAVE COME TO SAVE YOU
DRIP
Is this
THE PERSON FROM HER DREAM HAS APPEARED BEFORE HER!?!
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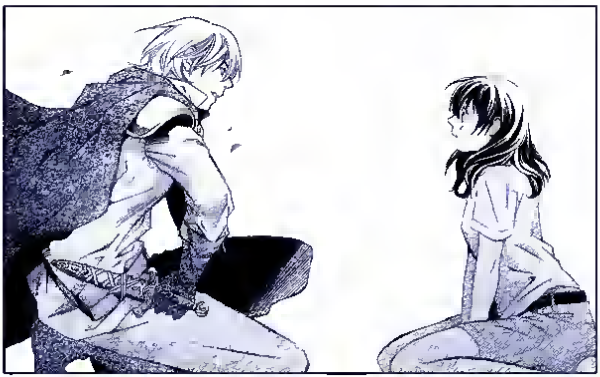

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[PROTECT ME, TOO ♥]

WE RECEIVED A FLOOD OF LOVE CALLS FOR LANCELOT FROM A HUGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE!!

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Guardian

PLEASE PROTECT ME

Already super popular new series, Ch

Chapter 1

BUT SUDDENLY HE APPEARS RIGHT IN FRONT OF HER~!

"THE GUY" SHE MET IN HER DREAM.

SHE THOUGHT THAT EVEN IF SHE LIKED HIM NOTHING WOULD COME OF IT...

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Presents

A person from my dream...
What's going on?
A HUGE DEVELOPMENT!!! THE PERSON WHO APPEARS IN FRONT OF FLABBERGASTED RIO AND YUUKI IS...?!
WHAT'S WRONG RIO?
Is here, right now...
LOOKING BEWILDERED..
Tenshi Tachi

ZOOM
I'M SORRY YUUKI-KUN!!
Grabs
WHO THE HECK WAS THAT...?
.....
BAM
MATSUKI
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT PERSON.

Wait... Why can't I understand what he is saying?! In the dream we didn't have problems communicating with each other!!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND JAPANESE!?
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING? OR IS MY PRONUNCIATION BAD?
<TN: This "Japanese" in italics is said in English. It is not "nihongo" which means "Japanese" in Japanese.>
?
THERE'S NO WAY
A PERSON FROM A DREAM WOULD COME OUT OF A TRUMP CARD.....
ARE YOU COSPLAYING?
Realizes
THAT'S RIGHT! THE CARD!
He came out from there, right? I might find some kind of clue on it.
HEY, MINORU! HAVE YOU SEEN A WEIRD CARD——...
HMM... I'LL WRITE IT FOR YOU THEN.

Tenshi Tachi

Who exactly is.
OH THIS IS HOW IT IS....
WE BOTH THINK THAT THE OTHER PERSON IS FROM A DREAM.
How
W-WHO EXACTLY ARE YOU?
Japanese?!
FINALLY, WE CAN TALK.
YOU ARE FROM MY DREAM, RIGHT?
It's definitely that trump card's fault right?
Where did you come from?
I.....

B-BRITAIN..?
..CAME FROM A COUNTRY CALLED BRITAIN TO PROTECT YOU, RIO.
IT'S A COUNTRY THAT EXISTED IN EUROPE AROUND THE 5TH OR 6TH CENTURY
OHH
Does that mean
5TH OR 6TH CENTURY?!
He's from the past?
What a strange house
NOW THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF THE SITUATION, WOULD IT BE OKAY FOR ME TO STAY HERE FOR A WHILE?
WAIT BEFORE THAT...
Hm?

Tenshi-Tachi

WELL. OKAY
CHANGE INTO THESE CLOTHES, ALRIGHT?
They're my dad's old clothes
For me ?
I CAME HERE FOR YOU, RIO
Whoa.

I SEE YES, IT WOULD BE WISE NOT TO STAND OUT TOO MUCH, IRIGHT?
That's not the problem here
UMM, YEAH ...
CALL ME IF YOU NEED ANYTHING
FLOP
LET'S SEE NOW...
PHEW
I can't believe this is happening Am I crazy?
I'm letting a guy stay here
But...

I couldn't help but be happy about it
ENTRANCED
WHENEVER YOU ARE IN DANGER I'LL COME TO YOUR AID
When he told me he came here to keep that promise
Well, he'll have to go back eventually though
RIO, DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
EH?
W-W-WHAT? IS SOMETHING
IT'S UNBEARABLY HUMID IN THIS COUNTRY
AH, RIO

I'M SORRY BUT
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING COOLER TO WEAR?

Meow
Rawrrr
RIO!! GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!
Rio!!
RIO, FAINTED ALL OF A SUDDEN.
AHHHH ~~~~
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
W-WHAT'S WRO—
—NG
Ack!

WHY DID SHE FAINT..?
Wow.. his thing is big
This is too unbelievable for words!!
RIO, GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!
U-UMM...
ALL THE WORRYING ASIDE, PUT ON SOME CLOTHES FIRST..
This is just too much!
NO
DON'T GO OUTSIDE
you'll be cursed if you go out

ARE YOU STILL IN THAT GETUP?
WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT
TREATING ME LIKE A THING
DON'T OPEN THE DOOR!
NO
Don't go out!
Don't touch!
ONEE-CHAN, ONLY WANTS YOU TO ACT A BIT MORE NORMAL.
BUT, I'M ACTING NORMAL...
DON'T GO OUT
IN OUR DREAM SHE SMILED SO BRIGHTLY, THOUGH...
DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG?
Yes, you did
SHE WAS VERY GRUMPY WHEN SHE LEFT THE HOUSE THIS MORNING, TOO
YEAH, BUT...

YOU CAN'T DO STUFF LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW!
Got it?!
CHOPPED SOME WOOD UP FOR A FIRE AND
TRIED TO DESTROY THE TV AND STUFF LIKE THAT.
IS THAT SO?
Huh?! What's up with you today?
Sh-sh-sh-shit! There's a little person in there!
THERE'S A LITTLE PERSON IN THERE
ALSO YOU'RE NOT WEARING ANY CLOTHING.
BUT THOSE CLOTHES WERE...
IF THAT'S HOW IT IS THEN, I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED, BUT...
—EVEN SO...

IF YOU WORE IT,
YOU MIGHT MAKE ONEE-CHAN HAPPY
WELL, I'M OFF TO SCHOOL AS WELL
UVUUK
O-OKAY
.....
SLAM

I bet when I get home he'll still be in the same getup
THINGS WOULD BE A LOT EASIER IF HE WORE SOME CLOTHES...
WORN OUT
He has no idea how things are done in modern times
MATSUKI!
CLINK
H2222222kkk!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR THAT...
AH! BESIDES, HOW IS THE WOUND ON YOUR STOMACH...
OH THAT. IT'S JUST A SCRATCH
HEY! DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT!
YUUKI-KUN
Morning!
WHO THE HELL WAS THAT GUY FROM YESTERDAY?

But.
NO YOU CAN'T.
——I'M GOING TO DROP BY...
YOUR PLACE TODAY.
He really is a good person, isn't he?
He seems like a person that one could rely upon
Yuuki-kun
SO, I WOULD LIKE IT IF YOU CONFIDED IN ME
I WORRY ABOUT YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE.
ACK! I GET A HEADACHE JUST THINKING ABOUT IT
ARGHHHH~~~ WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
kill
HE MIGHT KILL YOU IF YOU CAME OVER TO MY PLACE
THAT WOULD BE A BAD IDEA!!
TIZZY
——EH ...?
I. . CAN'T?
Tenshi Tachi

I'M HOME——
IS THAT GUY . ?
MAYBE HE'S ASLEEP...
I'LL GO TO MY ROOM WHILE I CAN..
DON'T OPEN
DON'T EVEN
NO
RIO.
Gulp
AH ..I'M BACK
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AWAY?
AH! WAIT! STOP.
Grab
RIO?
I SAID NO——
Tenshi Tachi

Ah..
HOW DO I LOOK?
I TRIED TO PUT IT ON BUT...
YOU PUT ON THE CLOTHES...
I'M NOT USED TO THESE CLOTHES YET, BUT...
I HAVE TO GET USED TO THESE CLOTHES IF I'M TO CONTINUE LIVING HERE
AND ALSO...

...I WON'T TRY TO CUT YOUR SHRUBS OR BREAK YOUR THINGS ANYMORE.
THERE'S ...
He's trying to do
His best
NO PURPOSE IN ME COMING HERE IF I'M CAUSING YOU TROUBLE
IT'S FINE
I wonder why
I mean he couldn't even dress himself properly yet
EH?

But I feel sort of happy about all this
AS LONG AS YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, EVERYTHING SHOULD WORK ITSELF OUT.
EH?
RIO
Slurrs
LOOK, YOU BUTTONED UP THE SHIRT WRONG.

THIS IS .

...TO SHOW YOU MY THANKS.
SPACED OUT~
CREEP UP
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN, YUUKI?
ERRR. I HAVE NO IDEA
ESPECIALLY TODAY
That's right! There's nothing to that kiss!
It was just a light peck
My face feels really numb
SHOCK
---I know all this out
MATSUKI IS ACTING STRANGE

Tenshi Tachi

Squeeze
YOU JUST STARTED TO GO OUT WITH RIO, RIGHT?
THAT'S PROBABLY WHY...
SO—, THAT'S HOW IT IS—.
Waaaa Waaaa
.....
LOVE?
IT'S LOVE!
There's no doubt about it.
I DON'T THINK I'M THE REASON THOUGH
EH?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
YUUKI?!
click
EH?
WAIT

I CAN'T SEE IN.
I WONDER IF THAT GUY IS AROUND...
HM?
RUSTLE
EH?!
CHOP CHOP
ACKK!
CHOP
DAMMIT!!!
MATSUKI

CLANK
.....
OH IT'S YOU AGAIN...
WHY ARE YOU HERE AT MATSUKI'S HOUSE?!
IT DOESN'T CONCERN YOU.
IT'S A MATTER FOR JUST RIO AND ME.
OH....

YOU APPEAR ALL OF SUDDEN AND INTERFERE WITH US...
YOU ARE A NUISANCE!!
BUT, RIO WANTS ME AROUND...
RIO TOLD ME IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO STAY HERE.
WHAT?
CHIP
AS IF SHE'D TELL YOU THE TRUTH WHEN YOU'RE CARRYING THAT DANGEROUS THING AROUND...

MATSUKI TOLD ME YOU ARE BOTHERING HER!!
SHE DIDN'T TELL YOU THAT BECAUSE SHE IS SCARED OF YOU!
BUMP
SEE Y

I'M HOME——
ARE YOU HERE LANCELOT?
LANCELOT IS GONE!
EH?
ONEE-CHAN, LISTEN
WELL... IT WAS SORT OF EMBARRASSING TO BUY THEM THOUGH.
YOU HERE~?
I CAN'T HAVE HIM WEARING DAD'S OLD UNDERWEAR, RIGHT?
ONEE-CHAN
UMM...
TA-DA!
I BOUGHT YOU SOME UNDERPANTS TODAY.
TA-DA!
Aratra
Underwear
x2 pairs

I WONDER IF HE WENT BACK TO WHERE HE'S FROM...
N-
U-UMM, ARE YOU KIDDING.
IT'S TRUE! HIS CLOAK AND SWORDS AREN'T HERE ANYMORE!!
NO THAT CAN'T BE IT...
It's not true.
I'M SURE HE'S JUST LOST SOME-WHERE!
It can't be true, right?!
WAH-WAH-WAHH!
BANG!

I wonder if I did something wrong

Is it because I made him wear those clothes?

Well, I don't have a problem with him going back, but

—But

He should've said something before going back!

It's okay, but

WHERE ARE YOU, LANCELOT?!

ANSWER ME!!

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Letter from the manga-ka

I want to summon Ginnan-kun* Hiiya to Matsu-kaze as cool when they are so glad? So great!

*Ginnan-kun: Ginnan is a character in Matsukaze Tenshi Tachi.

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You came from the past
How are you going to go back there?
Oh but
He didn't have any problems coming here
It's unfair to go back so suddenly, you know
Is he going to disappear like how he appeared before..?

Without saying anything ?

I HEARD THERE'S SOME KIND OF EVENT GOING ON OVER THERE.
WHAT IS IT?
I DON'T EXACTLY KNOW WHAT...

A foreigner...
Cosplaying?
BUT I HEARD THAT A REALLY GOOD-LOOKING FOREIGNER IS COSPLAYING.

How strange
It sounds like Lancelot
AH! IS HE THE ONE?
WOW, HE REALLY IS HOT.
BUT ISN'T THE EVENT A BIT ODD?
I MEAN IT ONLY HAS ONE PERFORMER..
Huh ?
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RIO ..
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
YOU POOR THING
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

D-
DIDN'T YOU GO BACK?
WELL...
I DIDN'T SAY THAT...
WHEN I HEARD THAT I WAS BOTHERING YOU
I didn't say
BUT...
Ahaha
What sort of event is this?
BUT, I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO GO BACK
HUH?

N-NO WAY...
WASN'T IT AS EASY AS THE TIME YOU CAME HERE?
NO IT WASN'T.
IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE...
I DIDN'T WANT TO GO BACK HOME.

BECAUSE IT'S PAINFUL FOR ME TO PART FROM YOU NOW, ESPECIALLY WITH HOW THINGS ARE BETWEEN US.
I've never felt this kind of...
RIO...
.....
...
I'm so happy I could burst.
I would normally laugh at a cheesy scene like this but...
I DON'T KNOW THE WAYS OF THIS WORLD, BUT
NO MATTER WHAT THE TIME PERIOD IS, A GIRL LIKES TO RECEIVE FLOWERS, RIGHT?
SO, TO BEG FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS I PICKED SOME FLOWERS FOR YOU.
I wonder what this means...
I WONDER WHY?

PLEASE LET ME
STAY BY YOUR SIDE A LITTLE LONGER...
Happiness before...
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HOW DO YOU DO.
MADAME?
OH MY, LAN-CHAN YOU NEEDN'T FORCE YOURSELF FOR AN OLD LADY LIKE ME
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? ALL WOMEN ARE LIKE GENTLE FLOWERS.

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PINCH
DRAGS
HURRY UP AND COME WITH ME
THAT HURTS, RIO.
Lan-chan
YOU KNOW, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SOCIABLE TO EVERYONE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!
You stand out even when you don't do anything.
I'M NOT BEING SOCIABLE. I'M COURTEOUS TO THE LADIES.
What's with you? After saying that to me
WHATEVER.
LET ME STAY BY YOUR SIDE A LITTLE LONGER
EVEN SO, THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO GO THAT FAR...
It's as if any woman would satisfy him, you know?
?!

HELLO.
PRINCIPAL?
HUH?
LANCELOT TO ENROLL IN OUR SCHOOL!?
Clank
I'VE HEARD THAT THERE'S A VERY HANDSOME FOREIGNER,
AND AFTER INVESTIGATING THE MATTER, I DISCOVERED THAT HE'S CURRENTLY LIVING WITH ONE OF OUR SCHOOL'S STUDENTS
YEAH UMM. HE'S A DISTANT RELATIVE? OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
TO BE FRANK....
BUT... School?

I WANT HIM ENROLLED IN OUR SCHOOL TO ATTRACT NEW STUDENTS!
They're talking about the school
UM. THE PROCEDURE SEEMS COMPLICATED... AND...
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF ALL THAT.
BUT TO USE HIM LIKE THIS IS A BIT...
AND IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR US FINANCIALLY...?
School is very—
BAM
WE'LL SUPPLY THE UNIFORM AND THE MATERIALS—
AND,
WE'LL PAY YOU THIS MUCH EVERY MONTH
300 000
TA
DA
IT MIGHT COME ACROSS AS RUDE, TALKING TO YOU ABOUT MONEY, BUT...
Especially since it looks like we're enticing you
...L-

SIZZLE
300,000 YEN A MONTH WILL BE REALLY HELPFUL!
DO YOU WANT TO TRY SUKI-YAKI WHEN WE GET THE MONEY?

I ALSO WANT LANCELOT TO LOOK NICER
HE'S VERY STRIKING, SO THE CONTRAST IS TOO BIG IF HIS CLOTHES ARE SIMPLE.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
BUT, WILL IT BE OK?

Now then I'll leave it in your hands

Let's continue on with the talk!!

SIZZLE
WHEN LANCELOT GOES TO SCHOOL, HE'S GONNA BE VERY POPULAR, RIGHT?
...EH?
S-SHUT UP! AND KEEP QUIET!
OH! BE CAREFUL--
OH
S-SO WHAT?! IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S GOT ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME!
AH! YOU'RE GETTING UPSET!

THAT WAS DANGEROUS, RIO
WHAT IF YOUR FINGER GOT HURT?
DOES IT PLEASE YOU TO WORRY ME?
—AH
Letter from the mangaka
Just bought Final Fantasy ... sss. I'm not very good with games but I'm going to give my all. Reunion's launch party x 2 girls
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Nowadays, most people wouldn't find him interesting, right?
Only the old women in the neighborhood would...
NO NEED FOR YOU TO THANK ME, RIO.
EH?
There's no way he'd be popular.
It's not like...
EH...? OH...
YEAH...
He's always saying such arrogant things.
Plus, he offhandedly,
GRABS
puts his arms around my hips.
THANKS...
BUT FROM TOMORROW ONWARDS, I'LL BE TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL TOGETHER WITH RIO. THAT MEANS, I'LL BE ABLE TO PROTECT RIO THERE, TOO
THAT PUTS MY MIND AT EASE.

...BECAUSE IT'S MY DUTY
...I'll get jealous or anything but...
ARE YOU READY? LET'S GO TO SCHOOL
LANCELOT ...?
OKAY, BE CAREFUL THEN
I'M GONNA GO AHEAD OF YOU GUYS
Oh...

I'M ALSO READY
HOW DO I LOOK, RIO?
HA HA... IT'S OKAY, I GUESS.
He's going to attract unnecessary attention again...
...BUT,
You have to wear the necktie properly!!!
BUT IT'S HARD TO BREATHE..
Tightens
Alow22ys, it's popular to wear a t-shirt un2erne2th your school shirt!
RI---
An2 don't you think you'2 look frien2lier with your h2ir like this?!
OK! WELL SHALL WE HEAD OFF NOW?
You look perfect!
IS THAT RIGHT?

ERR, LET ME INTRODUCE OUR NEW EXCHANGE STUDENT
MESSY
HI, EVERYONE NICE TO MEET YOU ALL
THIS IS LANCELOT-KUN, WHO'S FROM ENGLAND
I WAS TOLD HE'S A DISTANT RELATIVE OF MATSUKI.
EVERYONE, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HIM.
HE'S...
RIO'S RELATIVE? HE'S GOOD-LOOKING
AND HIS APPEAR-ANCE...
HE'S A NATURAL BLONDE
...BUT IT'S VERY MESSY

*CTA: An otaku is someone who's considered a nerd because they're obsessed with anime, manga and game related things. >
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN A FOREIGNER WHO'S AN OTAKU! *
EVEN THOUGH HE'S GOOD-LOOKING, ISN'T THAT A BIT OVER-BOARD?
IT'S TOO LAME
a weird-looking foreigner can't possibly be popular
See.
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED
Phew
DON'T "EH" ME
OUCH !
WHACK
Well, it's not like I was worried or anything
YOU, TOO
EH?!
HEY! WATCH YOUR TONGUE!
PLEASE STOP THAT.

EVEN IF YOU ARE A TEACHER, I DO NOT AGREE WITH A MAN HITTING A WOMAN.
I WILL LISTEN TO WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY THEN.
Freaked out
W-WHAT ARE YOU...! COME TO MY--
AS YOU WISH. YOU MAY COME TO ME AFTER CLASS.
OH, NO...
He's doing it again...

ARE YOU OK, MY LADIES?
Y-YES!
I'M GLAD.
WELL THEN, EXCUSE ME
O-OH! MY! I CAN'T BELIEVE HE SAID SUCH AN ARROGANT THING—
That guy
I-ISN'T HE WEIRD?
YEAH... HE'S KIND OF WEIRD.
ISN'T HE?!
...
BUT...
...Eh?

He's wonderful ♡
Shocked
No way!!
Big Bang
HEY, HEY,
WHERE DID YOU LEARN JAPANESE?
CHATTER
CHATTER
YOU'RE REALLY TALL ♡
IT'D BE BETTER NOT TO WEAR THAT T-SHIRT ANYMORE ♡
WHAT SORT OF FOOD DO YOU LIKE?
WHAT TYPE OF GIRLS DO YOU LIKE?

CHATTER CHATTER
THINGS ARE MORE MODERN OVERSEAS, HEY?
CHATTER CHATTER
SNIP
...
Now then, I think I should eat my lunch!!
RIO, ME, TOO...
Rolle
Here I Go!
DOES LAN-KUN GET EXCITED WHEN SOMEONE HOLDS YOUR HANDS?
Plop
...I...I DON'T KNOW...
Gobble
SO, FOR EXAMPLE...
CLUTCH

That's not fair!
You just want to touch him!
NOT REALLY...
....WHEN YOU TOUCH A GIRL'S HANDS, DO YOU GET EXCITED?
If you do, kiss me
CRACK
NO, THAT ISN'T WHAT I'M SAYING...
He's always doing that with the old women in our neighbourhood
LAN-KUN, ARE YOU BY CHANCE A SHY PERSON?
How cute!
A little thing like this doesn't matter to me.
I'm not jealous or anything, OK?
HEY, MATSUKI'S ALONE WHY DON'T YOU GO OVER TO HER?
Irritated
I'm not annoyed, I'm just imagining it.
PHYSICAL CONTACT IS A REGULAR THING FOR ME
A SLIGHT TOUCH DOES NOT PHASE ME

LAN-KUN, IS THERE SOMEONE YOU LIKE BACK HOME?
BUT IF IT'S WITH THE GIRL YOU LIKE, IT'D BE DIFFERENT RIGHT?
Y-YEAH
THERE WAS SOMEONE,
BUT THAT PERSON...
MATSUKI, WANT TO EAT LUNCH...

HEY!! YOU TWO!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
OH, YAMADA'S BULLYING THE GIRLS AGAIN.
I FEEL SORRY FOR THEM, BUT IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH US
HUH? WHERE'S LAN-KUN?!
HE ALWAYS DOES SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO RELIEVE HIS STRESS.
What a scum
ANYWAYS, LAN-KUN
EH?!

Jump
Huh
Hey

Gulp
...we're on the 2nd floor!!
ACK!
THUD
OHHH!! SO COOL! ♡
BUT YAMADA HAS A SHINAI* WILL LANCELOT BE OK?
OH, DON'T WORRY HE'S LAN-SAMA!
LANCELOT
*CTN: Shinai: A bamboo sword used in Kendo
Didn't he.. say he came to save me...?
MAT-SUKI... DO YOU WANT TO---
And yet...
T-THERE'S A LIMIT TO BEING RECK-LESS...
HUH?

Why do I have to worry about him?!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IF YOU GET HURT?!
HEY...
ARGH
GRIP
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, SO BUTT OUT!
RELEASE THE GIRLS!
MATSUKI...
YOU IDIOT
HUH? WHO ARE YOU? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?!
HMPH...

...HUH?
MMPH...
RI-

Why did I have to end up like this?
RIO!
That girl just—!
It's not my fault!
Oh, yeah.
It's his fault.
My head hurts like crazy because of him.
but for some reason...
My head hurts.

I feel really good
RIO.
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF
YEA--
MM
RIO.

ARE YOU AWAKE?
THE INFIRMARY?
IT'S QUITE LATE, ALREADY. CAN YOU GET UP?
He stayed by my side all this time...
Y-YEAH.
WHY DID YOU DO SOMETHING SO DANGEROUS?
I-IT DOESN'T MATTER.
YES, IT DOES!
I...
WELL THEN...

...DON'T BE SO RECKLESS
NO MATTER HOW STRONG YOU ARE, I STILL WORRY ABOUT YOU
HUH?
I'VE NEVER MET A WOMAN LIKE YOU BEFORE
THUMP

I'VE MET WOMEN WHO WERE HAPPY TO BE PROTECTED BY ME, BUT
I'VE NEVER MET A WOMAN WHO TOLD ME SHE WANTED TO PROTECT ME
THUMP
THUMP
WHEN YOU COLLAPSED, MY HEART POUNDED LIKE CRAZY.
Doesn't something like this feel similar to...
EVERY TIME I TOUCH YOU
THUMP
...EVEN THOUGH, YOU ARE AWAKE NOW, IT SHOWS NO SIGN OF SUBSIDING.

...love...?
...MY HEART STARTS TO POUND LIKE CRAZY, SO MUCH SO THAT IT'S ALMOST PAINFUL. WHY IS THAT?
THUMP
Love,
Clutch
or like...
WHY IS THAT...?
THEY WENT THAT WAY

ALL RIGHT!
DAZED
NO, IT'S NOT "ALL RIGHT"!
Ugaeck!
OW
OH, WELL... I don't remember much though.
I'm gonna hit that ball!
EH?! YOU MEAN HE'D DO IT FOR US, TOO?
W-WELL.. I DON'T KNOW... MAYBE?
THWACK
YOU KNOW, IT HAS TO BE WITH SOMEONE YOU LIKE...?
ANYHOW, IT'S A NORMAL THING TO DO WHERE HE COMES FROM
Kind of
YOU TWO ARE RELATED, RIGHT?!
WHAT WAS WITH LANCELOT SWEEPING YOU OFF LIKE THAT YESTERDAY?!

SLAM
ARGH!!
You seemed to be fine yesterday I mean, you jumped off from the 2nd floor and stuff
I WONDER IF I'M COMING DOWN WITH SOMETHING BAD?
UM... CAN YOU PLEASE JOIN THE CLASS?
Boys are supposed to be jogging right now
BUT SIR, EVER SINCE YESTERDAY, MY CHEST HAS BEEN FEELING WEIRD.

Ohhhh
NO, THE BALL HIT HER LEG
I'LL TAKE HER TO THE INFIRMARY.
WHAT HAPPENED?! DID THE BALL HIT YOU IN THE HEAD?!

OH, DON'T WORRY, RIO.
HUH?
!
ERR...
HEY, CAN YOU STAND UP?

I WANT LAN-KUN TO TAKE ME THERE!
HUH ?
BUT, THAT'S
Not fair!
IT'S OK, ISN'T IT? MY LEG HURTS SO MUCH THAT I CAN'T WALK.
VERY WELL.

Picks up
RIO, IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU TO STAY IN CLASS.
WELL, THEN, I'M OFF.
B-BUT ...
Huh...?
THIS IS A MAN'S JOB, SO, PLEASE ALLOW ME.
Hoo
HMM.
EH?
What's wrong with...?
Ha Ha
EH? WHAT? IS THAT SOME KIND OF JOKE?
MY HEART DEFINITELY DOESN'T RACE WITH YOU.

I WAS TOLD TO STAY BEHIND TODAY, TO DO SOME PAPERWORK BUT...
I SEE
THEN I'LL GO HOME BY MYSELF, ESPECIALLY SINCE I NEED TO DO THE SHOPPING AND STUFF...
...it's like you are enjoying it...
WAIT, LET'S GO TOGETHER
NO, IT'S OK...
RIO!
WHAT ARE YOU ANGRY ABOUT?
RIO?
STOP IT!
LET GO OF ME.

DON'T TOUCH ME SO CASUALLY
RIO?

CAN YOU TAKE ME HOME? MY LEG STILL HURTS
NO, SORRY BUT--
...

LAN-KUN! ♡
SLAP
JUST SO YOU KNOW, IN THIS COUNTRY YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO TOUCH GIRLS YOU DON'T EVEN LIKE.
UNDER-STAND?

SO, I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
RI
TAKE HER HOME IF YOU WANT TO.
I'M IN A HURRY.
WHAT'S WRONG, LAN-KUN? LOOKING SO SULLEN.
I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF THE NECKTIE?
BUT I FEEL LIKE I CAN'T BREATHE...
OH. I KNEW IT WOULD RAIN.

COME TO THINK OF IT, I DIDN'T GIVE HIM AN UMBRELLA YET...
GRIPS
..OH, WELL.
IT'S NOT LIKE--
MATSUKI
YUUKI-KUN
DO YOU WANT TO GO HOME TOGETHER?
WHERE IS HE?
W-
WHO KNOWS.

I can't stop thinking about him.
SO,
HE'S JUST A DISTANT RELATIVE...
It almost seems like...
Y-YEAH, WE ARE HE'S THE SON OF MY AUNT'S UNCLE?
Married a foreigner
BUT HE CAME OUT OF NOWHERE
Like magic
ERR, ARE YOU GUYS REALLY RELATED?
What's wrong with me?
AH... HE WANTS TO BE A MAGICIAN IN THE FUTURE...
All he does is cause trouble, and yet
AND...

...I'm in love with Lancelot
... THAT'S IT...
I SEE...
MATSUKI
HUH?
ARE YOU DONE?
YES
Principal's office
THEN LET'S GO HOME! ♡

I'M SORRY BUT... CAN YOU WALK LIKE YOU NORMALLY DO?
EH? WHY?
I WAS TOLD BY RIO THAT IT'S NOT GOOD TO HAVE PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH PEOPLE I'M NOT CLOSE WITH.
UMM, YEAH SHE'S RIGHT BUT.

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AH, THEY'RE KISSING!!
IS THAT ALL RIGHT?
HUH?
SHE SAID THAT PHYSICAL CONTACT ISN'T SOMETHING YOU DO!
AND YET...
...
OH! IT'S FINE SINCE THEY'RE GOING OUT
GOING OUT?
UMMM IT MEANS..

I...
..THAT THEY ARE LOVERS
KNOW THAT YOU LIKE THAT GUY
Somebody, please tell me
What on earth...

I WON'T LET HIM HAVE YOU, MATSUKI
It's hard to breathe and my heart is aching...
EVEN SO...
...is this pain?
!!
THE FEELINGS OF THESE THREE HAVE NOW COME IN TO PLAY. WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NOW?! NEXT TIME IS... OH NO?! EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE TURNED UPSIDE DOWN?!
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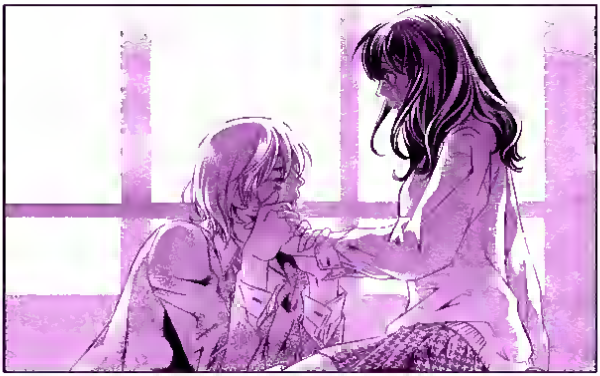

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I'M HOME
?
ISN'T ANYONE HOME?
HELLO?
RATTLE
HAH.
MINO—

PULLs
ARGH!
ARE YOU IN THAT GETUP AGAIN?
RIO, LET'S KISS!
I . . GUESS WE COULD.
WAIT.
WHY?
LET'S DO IT NOW! I CAN'T WAIT.

YOU KISSED YUUKI.
PERVERT!
That's what you might be used to, but...
I'm not like that!
EH?
BUT,
You...
THERE'S NOTHING TO "HUH" ABOUT. IT'S QUITE OBVIOUS WHAT COMES AFTER KISSING, ISN'T IT?
HUH?
DON'T WORRY. BESIDES, IT'S EASIER THIS WAY.
WAIT, FIRST PUT SOME CLOTHES ON! YOU'RE GOING TO CATCH A COLD.
WHAT ARE YOU SAY—

I HEARD FROM TOMOKO THAT YOU TWO ARE GOING OUT.
Did he see us kissing?
AM I A LESSER MAN THAN YUUKI?
Is he jealous because of that?
IT'S ...
NOT LIKE THAT.

CHOOSE ME INSTEAD OF YUUKI.
IF WHAT SHE SAID IS WRONG, THEN PLEASE DON'T STOP ME.
Oh, no, I just can't resist
He looks so serious.
I...
"I"?
What was he going to say after that?

THERE'S A PHONE CALL FROM A GIRL CALLED TOMOKO, FOR LANCELOT.
PHONE CALL?
What's that?
Tomoko?
I TOLD HER YOU'RE BUSY AT THE MOMENT, BUT SHE KEPT BEING A PAIN, ASKING ME TO PUT YOU ON THE PHONE.
I HAD A GREAT TIME TODAY. THANKS. ♡
IF YOU WANT TO, WHY DON'T WE GO ON A DATE NEXT TIME? AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT... I'D LOVE IT IF YOU'D HAVE ME. ♡
Argh!?
LANCELOT, YOU'RE SO POPULAR.
For some reason, there's a voice coming out of this.
Lan-kun?
...

ISN'T THAT GREAT?
YOU GOT ASKED OUT ON A DATE
I'M SURE YOU HAD A GREAT TIME WHILE YOU WERE WALKING HOME.
ALSO, JUST TO LET YOU KNOW...
YOU'VE MISUNDERSTOOD. SHE SEEMED LIKE SHE WAS HAVING FUN, BUT IT...
wasn't like that for me
HA HA HA. IT'S OK. YOU DON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF TO ME.
This has nothing to do with me anyhow

...IT'S NOT ONLY UP TO ME TO DECIDE IF YUUKI-KUN AND I BREAK-UP.
ANYHOW! THAT'S HOW IT IS.
RI—
THUD
SLAM
UH OH. YOU GOT ONEE-CHAN MAD.
MINORU.
DOES THAT MEAN THAT IF ALL INVOLVED AGREE ABOUT BREAKING UP, THEN EVERYTHING WORKS OUT?
Lenkun?
HUH?

IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN I'LL MAKE EVERYONE AGREE!
Eeeek!
CRACK
EH?
LET'S GO, MINORU.
LEND ME A HAND.
OK, BUT WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

What kind of girl does he think I am?
I'm irritated
Right after I get home, he starts yattering about kissing and whatnot.
On top of that, he gets asked out on a date? Grrr!
IRRITATED
IRRITATED
Annoyed
EVEN IF IT WAS JUST FOR A MOMENT, I WAS TOTALLY BLINDED BY HIM.
He's nice and sweet to everyone
He is treating me like he does everyone else, isn't he?
IRRITATED
Annoyed
No matter how I look at it, Yuuki-kun is better for me
I'M GOING TO GET RIO BACK.
ARGH! DOES HE THINK I'M A FOOL?
LOP
LOP

If I'm with Yuuki-kun, I'll be able to have a fun, untroubled life,
On the other hand,
especially since he's sensible and conservative
Lan-kun♥
Lan-kun♥
I WONDER IF LANCELOT WILL HAVE TO GO BACK ONE DAY.
What's wrong with me?
I WONDER IF HE WOULD BE ABLE TO GO BACK, IF I TORE THIS CARD UP
Although he frustrates me so much...

If I'm honest with myself,
will I be able to understand the reason why?
Squeezes
WILL HE THEN STAY HERE FOREVER?
I can't get the way he looked at me, out of my head
I wonder why
"Rio"

YOU HAVE TO STUDY HARD, OK?
WHERE'S LANCELOT?
If I'm honest with myself, then...
DID YOU GET READY?
YEP!
...?
IS IT JUST ME, OR DO YOU HAVE BAGS UNDER YOUR EYES?
YOU'RE IMAGINING IT
COME ON, LET'S GO.

ANYWAY,
PLUS, IT'S FOR RIO'S SAKE
Smile
ba-bump
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
Is he going to do something weird again?
...
I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO SETTLE TODAY.
I CAN'T PUT IT OFF, EVEN FOR ONE DAY.

ANYHOW, LET'S GO!
LANCELOT?
Pat
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. DON'T TELL RIO, OK?
RIO, WAIT! LET'S TAKE OUR TIME.
...
THAT'LL MAKE US LATE!
I WONDER IF EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT

GOOD MORNING.
Mornin'
MATSU...
CLACK
APPEARS
KI...
W-WHAT DO YOU WANT?
Don't tell me he's going to do something dangerous aga—
I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO GIVE YOU.
HEY, WAI—

Letter of Challenge!

Today, I challenge you to a fight!

The first person to get a kiss from ~~onee-chan~~ Rio will become ~~onee-chan~~ Rio's boyfriend!

The one who loses will back off from Rio, like a gentleman!

WHAT'S WITH THE CHILDISH-LOOKING WRITING...

Dictation transcribed by Mimoru

SO THAT'S MY PROPOSAL
What kind of proposal is that?!
ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE.
...
WHEN SHALL WE DO THIS?
HUH?!
SINCE YOU'RE READY TO GO, WE CAN DO IT RIGHT NOW.
...
HA HA HA. HE'S SAYING WEIRD THINGS AGAIN.
DON'T TAKE HIM UP ON THE CHALLENGE, OK?
I ACCEPT.

NOOO! DON'T! LAN-KUN!
HEY...
HUH? ARE THEY GOING TO FIGHT OVER RIO?
YOU CAN'T CRY AND BEG FOR A REMATCH AFTER YOU LOSE, GOT IT?
HMPH! DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
I HATE BEGGING. MOREOVER, I WON'T LOSE.
Why are they getting so serious about this?
IS THAT SO?
WELL, THEN...
Wha—
Tenshi-Tachi

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!
START!
Don't compete over me without asking me first!
Eep
I can't believe they're completely ignoring my feelings!
YEAH! OTHERWISE LAN-KUN WILL BECOME RIO'S!
WE SHOULD GO, TOO!
Yeah.
SHALL WE CHEER FOR YUUKI?
Since he's our friend and all

RUN RUN RUN
DAMMIT! I'VE LOST SIGHT OF HER.
MAYBE I SHOULD GO HAVE A LOOK UP THERE.
YOU REALLY ARE GOING TO GIVE UP ON RIO IF I WIN, RIGHT?
OF COURSE. BUT I WON'T LOSE TO THE LIKES OF YOU, THOUGH.
WELL, THEN I'M GOING TO DO THIS FOR REAL.
Grip
IF YOU WEREN'T AROUND, EVERYTHING WOULD'VE GONE SMOOTHLY FOR US

SO, I'M GOING TO WIN AND GET RID OF YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL.
WHOOSH
Throb
..
AS IF I'LL LET THAT HAPPEN.
SHEESH

In any case, why am I running away like my life depended on it?
THIS IS NOT FUNNY! DON'T MAKE A BIG SHOW ABOUT A PERSON'S KISS.
Also, what is he going to do if Yuuki-kun wins?
I'LL BET HE DIDN'T THINK THINGS OUT AT ALL.
Lancelot ?!
AH, I FOUND YOU, LAN-KUN!
FORGET ABOUT RIO, KISS ME INSTEAD! ♡
FLINCH
SLIDES
Hazy
RIO...?

AGHAST
HUGS
I REALLY WANTED TO SEE YOU!
RIO..
LAN-KUN.
He really doesn't care who it is, does he?
You're not Rio!
Mmm
I've had enough! I definitely won't let him catch me!
ONEE-CHAN!
ONEE-CHAN.

MINO-RU?!
WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL?
I WAS WORRIED, SO I CAME HERE.
WORRIED?
LANCELOT HAS A FEVER.
HE HAD A REALLY HIGH TEMPERATURE THIS MORNING
I'M SURE HE'S GOTTEN DIZZY FROM IT.
A FEVER?!
Then... Don't tell me what happened just now was because of the fever?
Runs
Come Back, Len-kun!
ALTHOUGH THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR WALKING AROUND HALF-NAKED.
I DON'T THINK HE COULD SLEEP LAST NIGHT.
ALSO, HE SAID THAT...

Squeeze
"PLUS, IT'S FOR RIO'S SAKE..."
I
OH!
HEY, YUUKI! I FOUND MATSUKI.
FLINCH
Dash
OK.
MAKE SURE YOU GO TO SCHOOL, OK?
...HE DIDN'T WANT YOU TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM.
"I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO SETTLE TODAY."
"I CAN'T PUT IT OFF, EVEN FOR ONE DAY."

I'm sure he'll be just ahead of—
I can hear Lancelot's Voice
I bet it's not
Is it all right for me to run around like this?
RIO!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
Puff
Puff
Everyone is serious about this
Just ahead—

I WAS WAITING FOR YOU.

don't have any more strength to run away
I WIN
THIS IS TO BE EXPECTED, RIGHT?
ESPECIALLY SINCE WE'VE ALREADY KISSED,
AND I LOVE YOU.

BESIDES, YOU DIDN'T SAY NO OR ANYTHING.
RI—
RIO!

MATSUKI
DAMMIT!

"He said that
PLEASE! RUN AWAY!
DON'T...
he didn't want you taken away from him"
DON'T...

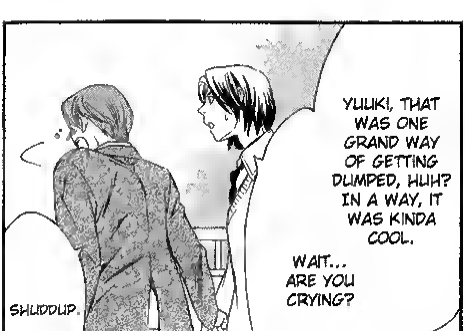
...TAKE RIO AWAY FROM ME! PLEASE!
YUUKI-KUN...
MATSUKI?
I'm horrible, aren't I?
PLEASE...

I'm the only one being hard-headed and guarded
Even though these two are going all out like this and openly showing their true feelings,
I'M SORRY FOR NOT BEING CLEARER WITH YOU SOONER.
I...
THEY ARE...
OH!
I'm going to be honest with myself now.

I LOVE LANCELOT!
WHA—
CATCH ME, LANCELOT!
…
I'm certain that…
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

Lancelot
will catch me
I believe
in that.
No matter how
popular Lancelot
is with those
around him,
my feelings for
him won't waver,
any more

I will...


YUUKI, THAT WAS ONE GRAND WAY OF GETTING DUMPED, HUH? IN A WAY, IT WAS KINDA COOL.
WAIT... ARE YOU CRYING?
SHUDDUP.

TSK.

DON'T CRY. I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO A GREAT GAL NEXT TIME.
I TOLD YOU TO SHUT UP.

Happy Birthday,
Kaissy!
From Tenshi-Tachi

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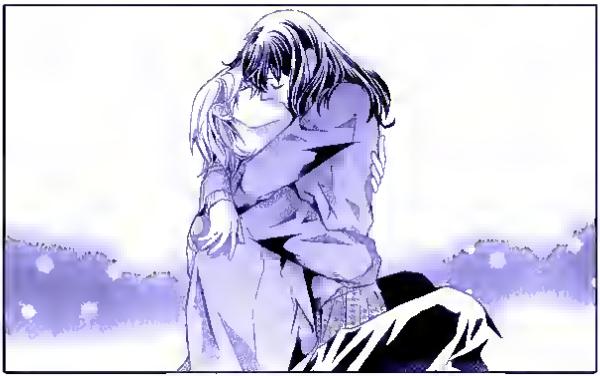

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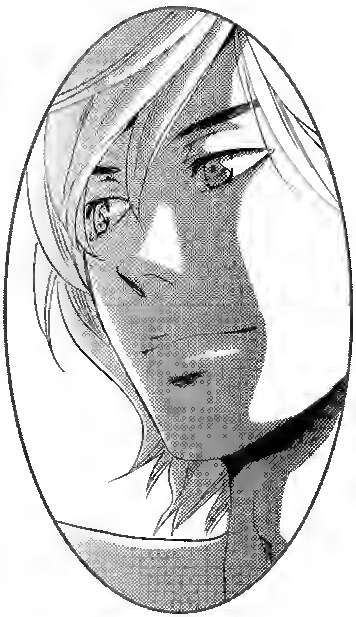

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Side Chapter

WE FINALLY SUCCEED IN BECOMING A COUPLE, BUT ALL I GET ARE ANGRY LOOKS.
I'm sure the reason why is cause we're poor.
I WANT TO SEE RIO SMILING MORE

WHY DOESN'T SHE? IS IT BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH HAPPINESS?
OH, YEAH!
THIS MARRIED COUPLE, WHO WERE BORED WITH EACH OTHER, SAID ON TV IF YOU HAVE A BATH TOGETHER, YOU GET ALONG BETTER.
HAVE A BATH TOGETHER?
I SEE.
IF YOU'RE NAKED IN THAT SMALL SPACE, EVEN IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT— YOU'LL HAVE TO BECOME MORE INTIMATE.
They're really happy. Same as me. I thought so, too.
They wash each other you know!
GREAT! LET'S GO WITH THAT PLAN.
I'M HOME
YEAH! LET'S GO FOR IT, LANCELOT.

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HUH?!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING— YOU IDIOT!!
HA HA HA
RIO, YOU'RE MAD, HUH?
HOWEVER, YOUR ANGER WILL SUBSIDE WHEN WE BATHE TOGETHER.
SNAP
THE BUTTONS ARE HARD TO UNDO.
HEY... DON'T SUDDENLY—
HMPH, THIS IS TOO TROUBLESOME. LET'S GO AS YOU ARE.
RATTLE
LOOK—
OH!
I WENT AHEAD OF YOU GUYS.

DEPRESSED
WHAT'S WRONG? ISN'T IT FUN?
MINORU..
OOH. THE WATER IS NICE, ISN'T IT?
Giggle
NO, IT'S OK. BUT, IF POSSIBLE I WANT TO HAVE A BATH...
with just Rio
EH? IS IT BAD TO HAVE ME AROUND?
NEXT TIME COULD YOU LET RIO AND I BATHE ALONE TOGETHER?
ISN'T THIS WONDERFUL, LANCELOT?
SO HAPPY.
No! I want to be together with you guys too!
Even just once is fine too

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